

WASHINGTON, SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 1907.

WHAT IS GOING ON IN THE CHIEF CITIES OF EUROPE

HASTE OF KAISER
ACTS AS DRAWBACK

Opening of Hamburg Depot Before Finished Causes Botch Job.

BERLIN, Jan. 5.—The Kaiser's interference in all sorts of affairs is illustrated in the new central railroad depot at Hamburg, which has just been opened in a hurry because the Emperor insisted that it should be finished in 1906. The result is that the work has been scamped, and all is confusion in the big station. The switches and signals are faulty, trains come to grief in various ways, and the electric light is liable to fail suddenly, causing the officials to use lamps and candles.

The central depot which cost nearly \$10,000,000, was begun about ten years ago, and intended to supersede a number of inadequate terminals. While the work was proceeding steadily, the Kaiser commanded the architects and contractors to hasten so that the station might be opened before the close of last year. The result of their hustling at imperial command is that the new depot may take years to get into working order.

CZAR GROWS RICH
BY SALE OF VODKA

Government Dram Shops Yield Profit of \$325,000,000.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 5.—Russia earns a huge revenue by the state monopoly in vodka, which was instituted by Count Witte. The amount spent by Russians during 1905 on vodka in the government dram shops was no less than \$25,000,000, and the profit on the sale was over \$25,000,000, much of which goes to the Crown.

The amount of vodka consumed during the year was 296,322,228 gallons, an increase of nearly 13,000,000 gallons over the consumption of 1904.

The government sale of vodka extends over an area inhabited by 122,249,000 people, and the average consumption per head is roughly one and one-third gallons per annum.

The misery so largely prevalent among the Russian peasants is attributed to their love of vodka.

KING "CALLS" PEER
WHO DID NOT RISE

LONDON, Jan. 5.—A young Irish peer has had a lesson in the etiquette affecting the King as a clubman. This is quite different at the Marlborough, the exclusive club founded by his majesty and where he loves to take his ease as a simple gentleman, from the rule at any other club. King Edward, wishing to shed all royal dignity in his favorite club, made a special rule for the Marlborough that no member should rise when he entered.

The young peer, who had recently been elected to the Royal Yacht Squadron, of which the King is a member, thought this rule held good in that fashionable club also. He was sitting alone on the terrace of the clubhouse at Cowes during the great regatta, and kept his seat when King Edward passed by, accompanied by the Duke of Connaught and an equerry.

Shortly afterward he was mortified to receive a message of rebuke from the King, through his equerry, who came to inquire whether Lord Blank had forgotten to stand up when his majesty passed.

SUBURB OF LONDON
FOR ARMOUR PLANT

LONDON, Jan. 5.—Messrs. Armour & Co., the Chicago packers, are negotiating for a five-acre tract of land near Finchley, a North London suburb, for the erection of warehouses. In consequence of the heavy decrease in sales of canned goods in Great Britain since the packing house, exporters, the company is said to have decided on erecting packing houses on this side of the Atlantic in order to convince British consumers that their goods are prepared properly.

The public, which swallowed the Chicago stories of "Jungle" horrors, has lately suffered from misplaced confidence in home industries. A few days ago ten tons of canned meats of various kinds were seized and condemned by the sanitary authorities, and at the present time some of the London papers are publishing unpleasant revelations regarding the method of preparing Kent's own strawberries for breakfast jam.

RELIGIOUS PRIZES BARRED.

PARIS, Jan. 5.—In consequence of complaints received from Socialists of the religious nature of books given as prizes to school children, the prefect of the Seine has instituted a commission to consider the question. It is also considered that the prizes are utterly useless and valueless, and it is proposed to replace them by books which are of a really good literary or scientific character.

Poetess-Queen Sees
Her Blind Subjects
Are Not Neglected

Queen Carmen Sylva, Roumania's Poet Queen, Is Here Shown in Her Asylum for the Blind, "Vatra Luminaosa," With Her Special Protege, a Little Blind Musician.

Frankness Burns Like Flame,
So Keep to Yourself Advice
You Think the Friends NeedBy CARMEN SYLVA,
(Queen Elizabeth of Roumania).

Be frank with yourself! That is often much more difficult than to be so with others; but do not say things which are so painful, so hard that no grass grows where your foot steps, no flower blooms where your hand touches.

You have no idea how terribly painful is your frankness, your outspokenness. Like a red-hot iron, your words singe and sear, and often the party whom you address is not even able to answer.

Human emotions, actions, and affairs are so complicated, so obscure, that you can never fathom them, not even in the case of your dearest, most intimate friend. Friendship often becomes a burden, because the friend thinks he is justified in speaking of and criticizing things which you hardly dare confess to your own heart and conscience, and a friend is even apt to feel hurt because you do not speak to him, confess to him or ask his advice.

Intimacy That Isn't.

There is nothing more unpleasant than an intimacy, which really is not intimacy at all, between two persons who believe they are justified in judging and criticizing each other and express their opinion of things which do not concern them at all. This is why brothers and sisters fall out. They believe they have the right to be open-mouthed and outspoken toward each other, and not to respect each other's individualities. And

WELLS AS SOCIALIST
BERNARD SHAW'S PEER

LONDON, Jan. 5.—H. G. Wells, the brilliant scientific novelist, whose story, "In the Days of the Comet," has interested thousands in America, is an ardent Socialist.

He has just resigned his membership of the Fabian Society, of which George Bernard Shaw is a shining light.

Mr. Wells left the Fabians because he considered them not practical enough, and has joined the Social Democratic Federation.

Rather illogically, Mr. Wells is at the same time a member of the Reform Club, the headquarters of old-fashioned, slow-going Liberalism.

HUSBANDS IN LEAGUE
AGAINST ROME DUDS

ROME, Jan. 5.—A league of husbands has been formed here to protect women from some unmanly young men of the dulle class, who have lately taken to forcing their unwelcome attentions on ladies they meet on the street.

One duel has already arisen out of their bad manners, a Roman masher having challenged his victim's husband, who caught him in the act and administered a good thrashing. Husbands have now combined to assist each other in suppressing the nuisance by similar drastic means.

COSTLIEST BOOK
SENT THE POPE

Made Entirely of Gold, Set With Jewels Worth King's Ransom.

ROME, Jan. 5.—The costliest volume in the world—literally a golden book—has been received by the Pope as an offering from the Republic of Brazil in gratitude to his holiness for having given the first South American cardinal to Brazil.

This wonderful book is made entirely of Brazilian gold, encrusted with diamonds and other gems. On the cover appear the monogram of Pius X. formed of emeralds and diamonds, and the arms of Brazil, with Latin mottoes.

The first page bears the papal arms and a miniature bust of Pius X. Ninety diamonds of the first water surround these, with a large brilliant above, representing the sun shedding its rays, made of tiny diamonds, upon the Pope's head.

The book also contains a map of Brazil, in which the various states are marked by gems of different colors, and a huge blue diamond of eight carats stands for Rio de Janeiro, the federal capital.

Dr. Calvacanti de Albuquerque, a nephew of the new Brazilian cardinal, designed this gorgeous album, which was subscribed for by members of the old faith in Brazil.

DOCTOR REFUSES
FEE OF \$31,250

Great Vienna Specialist Refuses Case as Incurable.

ATHENS, Jan. 5.—Money is being lavished in a desperate effort to save the life of the wealthy Greek banker, M. Pesmazogios, who is suffering from a tumorous growth and whose case has been given up by the local doctors.

His family telegraphed, at a cost of \$20, to the great Vienna specialist, Dr. Noorden, offering him \$31,250 if he would come to Athens and try to save the patient.

Dr. Noorden replied that from the details given in the expensive telegram he judged that the patient's life could not be saved, and, therefore, he could not conscientiously accept the offer.

A celebrated Paris specialist was then appealed to, but he also declined the tempting fee for the same reason.

Then the banker's relatives wired to a famous doctor at Lyons, who consented to go to Athens and attempt to save the life of M. Pesmazogios. He is to travel from Brindisi to Greece in a special steamboat chartered by the family.

AFFRONT TO CZAR
AMAZES COURT

Emir of Bokhara Refuses Special Honor That Many Court.

BERLIN, Jan. 5.—An amusing incident resulted from the Czar's attempt to do special honor to his vassal, the Emir of Bokhara, who is now visiting St. Petersburg.

Nicholas II decided to invest the Emir with the highest of all Russian orders, the Order of St. Andrew, which has been granted to no non-Christian ruler except the Sultan and the Shah. The insignia of the order was duly delivered to the Emir and minor orders to all his suite.

At the formal dinner given by the Czar the minor Bokharis all wore their new decorations. The Emir, however, did not wear his. This apparently intentional breach of etiquette amazed the court.

Next day the mystery was explained. The Emir sent his secretary to the minister of the imperial court to say that he could not accept the order. He was a good Mohammedan, ran the message, and order was not only called after a Christian saint, but the star wore in the middle an image of the saint.

The Czar ordered the star to be taken back and the image to be replaced by his initials.

CRITIC OF DR. KOCH
WARNS ABOUT MILK

BERLIN, Jan. 5.—Dr. Behrings says that the theory of Dr. Koch that human beings are not liable to infection from tuberculosis bacilli in cow's milk is a dangerous and misleading one. Dr. Koch's belief is that the disinfection and removal of the sputum of tuberculosis will gradually lead to the final stamping out of this dread disease. Dr. Behrings says that this is impossible, as the real cause of the disease cannot be reached.

STEAL A METAL ANGEL.

PARIS, Jan. 5.—The statue stealing epidemic continues to flourish here. The latest exploit of the statue thieves has been to carry off a metal angel weighing over a thousand pounds from a private family vault in the outskirts of Paris. This is the fourth large metal figure which has been stolen within a few weeks.

Rumor Says Edna May
Will Marry Lewisohn

New Yorker Has Been Paying Court at Actress' Shrine for a Year.

LONDON, Jan. 5.—When the run of "Nelly Nell" is finished, Miss Edna May will, the Rialto gossip says, become the bride of Oscar Lewisohn, the wealthy young New Yorker who has been paying her assiduous attentions for nearly a year.

The report has been current that Miss May had already been led to the altar for the second time, but it is said upon the best of authority that such is not the case.

When the difficulty in "The Belle of Mayfair" arose, which resulted in Miss May leaving the company because she was not starred exclusively, according to contract, Mr. Lewisohn is said to have suggested to her to cut the stage there and then. "I have," he said, "enough to provide you with everything you wish, and why not cut out this stage business at once and let us get married immediately?"

Miss May refused to listen to the proposition, saying that she was under great obligations to Mr. Frohman, who had shown her every kindness, and as he was producing a new play for her, she would not leave the stage until she had finished the run of the new piece.

The new piece is "Nelly Nell," in



MISS EDNA MAY.

SPIES SEARCH SOLDIERS
GOING TO SEE THE CZAR

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 5.—In the presence of the Czar a dramatic scene took place at Tsarkoe Selo on the fete day of the Order of St. George when the officers and soldiers who are decorated with the order for bravery on the battlefield are received by the Emperor. The order corresponds to the British Victoria Cross and the German Iron Cross, and the members, whether officers or privates, are styled Knights of St. George.

When the knights arrived at the station they were closely inspected and searched by the secret police, while spies wearing the Order of St. George mingled with them.

which Miss May is now appearing at the Aldwych Theater. Upon the termination of this piece the wedding may take place.

Miss May has probably been the most sought after woman from the matrimonial standpoint that the London stage has known for years. Miss May's first venture in the matrimonial field was so unsatisfactory that she has been averse to venturing again and has often expressed the intention of not remarrying. When Mr. Lewisohn first appeared in the field he was frankly told of this aversion and received many negatives to his proposals of marriage. His persistence and devotion finally secured him victory and Miss May, it is reported, has accepted him on condition that he must wait until she had in some measure recompensed Mr. Frohman for the many kindnesses he had shown her in the theatrical world.

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Styles in
Waists
Shown
Tomorrow

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Ladies' Cloth Suits, in light gray only; all sizes; in latest styles, and the biggest bargain we have ever offered. Worth \$25—reduced to \$5.

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An excellent chance to get a fine Ladies' Cravenette Raincoat, with choice from all the best colors; in latest styles and sizes; worth \$10 and \$12.50.

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LADIES' AND MISSES' LONG COATS in fancy materials; very stylish and select patterns; all sizes; worth \$10 and \$12.50. Reduced to \$5.00

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LADIES' AND MISSES' TAN COVERT COATS, 50 inches long; all sizes; yoke satin lined; worth \$10 and \$12.50. Reduced to \$7.50

January Reduction Sale in Millinery

\$1 and \$1.50 Hats at 25c

UNTRIMMED AND TRIMMED FELT HATS, all colors, for ladies, misses, and children; worth \$1 and \$1.50. Reduced to 25c.

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January Reduction Sale of

WAISTS

LACE AND NET WAISTS, in white, cream, and black; all sizes; worth \$7.50. Reduced to.....

January Reduction Sale of

GLOVES

ALBATROSS AND TAFFETA SILK WAISTS in beautiful designs; all sizes; worth \$5. Reduced to.....

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